

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2014**

Town of Bedford
Bedford Town Hall
Selectmen's Meeting Room

PRESENT: William Moonan, Chair; Karen Kalil-Brown, Clerk; Carol Carlson; Alan Long; Lorrie Dunham

ABSENT: None

GUEST: Jeffrey Cohen, Zoning Board of Appeals Vice Chair

Mr. Moonan introduced himself and read the emergency evacuation notice.

PRESENTATION: Ms. Kalil-Brown read the notice of the hearing.

PETITION #009-14 – Wayne Durante, 18 North Road, for signs.

Wayne Durante, the applicant for 18 North Road, introduced himself and explained that he was requesting two signs for his new business, American Muscle Care Clinic. He stated that there was an existing freestanding sign by the street on which there were currently two other tenant names – “Massage Therapy Associates” and “My Pilates” – and he wanted to add a third tenant sign at the bottom. He noted that the second proposed sign was a wall sign, which would be mounted over the window on the back left side of the building. He noted that the color of both signs would be burgundy, to match the top sign on the freestanding sign.

Mr. Moonan noted that there was a white border around the two other signs on the large freestanding sign, and said it might look nice if it were around this new one as well. The other Commission members agreed. Mr. Durante said he had no problem with putting the white piping around the edge of the sign.

There was further discussion about the size and aesthetics of both signs. It was agreed that corner cutouts on the signs would look visually pleasing and consistent with the other signage on the property. Mr. Durante said he would be happy to do that as well.

Mr. Long asked about the material of the sign. Mr. Durante replied that the proposed sign was quarter inch PVC, vinyl clad.

After further conversation about the signs, Mr. Moonan called for a motion.

MOTION:

Mr. Long moved to approve two signs to Wayne Durante, 18 North Road: The first will be a 10" x 19 ¾" sign on the freestanding pedestal sign, below the "Massage Therapy Associates" and "My Pilates" signs, as shown on Exhibit A, with modification of corner cutouts and white piping. The second sign will be over the picture window on the side of the building, a rectangular 86" x 6" sign with 4"-high letters, as shown on Exhibit B, with additional modification of corner cutouts and white piping. Color and materials shown on Exhibit B.

Ms. Carlson seconded the motion.

Voting in favor: Moonan, Kalil-Brown, Carlson, Long, and Dunham

Voting against: None

The motion carried unanimously, 5-0-0.

Mr. Durante thanked the Commission members for their time. Mr. Moonan wished him luck with his new business.

BUSINESS MEETING:

Movable Freestanding Signs

Jeffrey Cohen, Zoning Board of Appeals Vice Chair and Planning Board Liaison to the HDC, talked with the Commission about movable freestanding signs, which were recently allowed by Special Permit under the new Sign By-Law. There was dialogue about the approval process that applicants with signs in the Historic District must follow, and whether they need to go to the ZBA in addition to the HDC. It was decided that there would be more discussion about this topic at upcoming meetings.

Adjournment

MOTION:

Ms. Long moved to adjourn the meeting.

Ms. Carlson seconded the motion.

Voting in favor: Moonan, Kalil-Brown, Carlson, Long, and Dunham

Voting against: None

Abstained: None

The motion carried unanimously, 5-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

William Moonan, Chairman

Date

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Gould
HDC Assistant